

# HEADLINES

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2020 New and Expanding Report

While the North Alabama region makes up approximately 16% of the geographic area of the state of Alabama, the region accounted for 38% of Alabama's expanded companies and 31% of new jobs and investment during 2020. Limestone County leads Alabama in capital investments with projects investing more than \$1.1 billion.

### Expanding

#### Jackson County

**Polymer Industries**, a manufacturer of polyolefin products, located in Henagar and Pisgah, will invest a total of \$21 million for expansions at both locations. This will create 20 new jobs.

#### Morgan County

**Micor Industries, LLC**, a manufacturing company that produces precision parts for military weapons, aeronautics and space applications, will invest \$5 million to add 10,000 SF and new equipment to its facility. This will create 10 new jobs.

### Updates

#### Madison County

**Maven Packaging**, a locally owned and operated manufacturer of custom protective packaging, has moved into its new 44,000 SF facility located in the Chase Industrial Park. Due to continued growth the long-term plan is to add an additional 40,000-50,000 SF within the next 4 to 5 years. The future addition will consolidate their Alabama operations.

### Education & Training

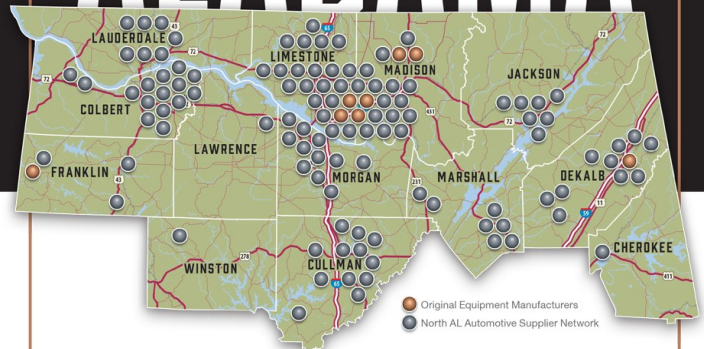


U.S. News & World Reports ranked the Best High Schools in America. In that ranking 16 of Alabama's top - 40 schools are located in the North Alabama region.

**AIDT's Alabama Robotics Technology Park**, located in Tanner, AL, will now offer virtual reality classes. This will allow trainees to work with TransfrVR modules in the following areas: Paint Robot Troubleshooting, Plant Safety and Precision Measurements. For more information visit RTP's website <https://www.alabamartp.org/>

## ALL ROADS LEAD TO

# NORTH ALABAMA



The automotive industry in North Alabama has been cruising along for more than 20 years and our region's momentum is shifting into high gear.

Location is always a driving force in any decision to move a company... and we have a lock on it. We are at the very center of dynamic opportunities for the automotive supply chain. North Alabama is now home to the new \$2.3 Billion Mazda Toyota Manufacturing plant that will open in 2021. Plus, every one of the 13 counties in our region is home to automotive-related plants, from final assembly to engines to specialty vehicles to component suppliers.



We know automotive. Let us help map out your road to success in North Alabama.

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### New Advanced MFG Initiatives for North AL

The Department of Defense has named Alabama as one of six locations in the United States as a Defense Manufacturing Community. The Alabama Defense Advanced Manufacturing Community (ADAMC) is comprised of 22 Alabama counties who support the growing defense industrial base. 7 of these counties are located in the North Alabama region. The University of Alabama Huntsville will also establish the Advanced Manufacturing innovation and Integration Center (AMIIC) in cooperation with the National Center for Defense Manufacturing to support the program.

# NORTH ALABAMA ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS



## 13 COUNTIES

located in the middle of the Southeastern automotive corridor

## 150+

Tier 1 and Tier 2 automotive suppliers in Alabama

## 40,000+

employed in Alabama's automotive manufacturing sector

## \$2.3 BILLION INVESTMENT

Mazda Toyota Manufacturing USA (MTM) will open a new assembly plant in North Alabama, with 4,000 workers after production launches in 2021; anticipated annual production capacity is up to 300,000 vehicles.



Alabama's No. 1 Export:  
Vehicles – with shipments to  
90 nations every year



Toyota Alabama produces  
4-cylinder, V6 and V8 engines in  
North Alabama.



Alabama will produce  
15 different passenger vehicle  
models in 2021.



The State of Alabama offers a  
favorable business climate,  
low tax structure, cutting-edge  
training programs for  
Industry 4.0 advanced  
manufacturing.



The North Alabama region offers  
a favorable quality of life and cost  
of living.

Reliable and competitively  
priced utilities



Over 2 million square feet of  
industrial space is currently under  
development for production or  
logistics/transportation use.

Available greenfield sites

For more information, please contact the North Alabama  
Industrial Development Association (NAIDA).

All services are at no cost and strictly confidential.

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## Media

Do not miss the **Alabama Focus** special section published in the May/June issue of **Business Facilities Magazine**.

*Manufacturing Technology Insights Magazine* featured **Prudent American Technologies** as its cover story and a Top 10 Precision Manufacturing Solution Provider. The company is a premier USA based contract manufacturer of highly engineered plastics and metal machined products and is located in Decatur, AL.

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### Port of Huntsville

**Jetplex Industrial Park** currently has six buildings under construction including two speculative buildings:

- Navistar Expansion
- Aviation Facility
- Lamar Advertising Building
- Schrimsher Facility

### Speculative Buildings

- Runway Distribution Center – 208,000 SF, can be subdivided to 50,000 minimum and will be available in July 2021.
- Trade Port Distribution Center – 118,000 SF, will be available in June 2021.

**HSV International Airport** has been selected to host as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Detection and Mitigation Research Program Test Site.

### Colbert County

**DURA Automotive Systems** construction on its 200,000 SF \$60 million facility is near completion. Community members and DURA officials are excited to see the plant fully operational. The company plans to hire around 80 employees in May and nearly 250 by next year.

**The Remote Shoals Program** has doubled its total funding to \$500,000 during its second year due to an increase in interest in the program and in additional applicants. The program launched in June 2019 with a goal of acquiring people who work in tech fields to relocate to the Shoals. For more information visit [remoteshoals.com](http://remoteshoals.com)

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